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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

'Cats soccer

Senior goalkeeper Kira Lazenby will join the Seattle Sounders Women, after graduating from Northwest in May.

Lazenby was the top goalkeeper in the MIAA this past season, posting Northwest records in shutouts with 16, a 0.838 save percentage and a 0.95 goals against average.

Tower Choir

The Northwest Tower Choir is set to present a concert at 8 p.m. Sunday, at the Basilica of Conception Abbey.

There will be free transportation for guests by a University bus. Due to a limited number of seats, requests will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For questions, contact Stephen Town at 660 562 1795 or stown@ nwmissouri.edu

COMMUNITY

Prom special

Shannon Renee's Formal Wear will be holding a special event in honor of prom season from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. today

Local florist and Mary Kay consultant will be on location for any assistance.

BEARCATS

Thursday

-Women's Basketball vs. Pittsburg State, 2:15 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. (MIAA Tournament)

Friday

-Baseball vs. Central Missouri, 3 p.m. in Warrensburg, Mo.

-Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Newman (Kan.) in Topeka, Kan.

Saturday

-Softball vs. Northeastern State (Okla.), 11 a.m. in Joplin, Mo. -Women's Basketball at the MIAA Tournament, 12 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. -Baseball vs. Central Missouri, 2:30 p.m. in Warrensburg, Mo. -Softball vs. Pittsburg State, 7 p.m. in Joplin, Mo. -Men's Tennis vs. Nebras-

ka-Kearney in Topeka, Kan.

Sunday

-Baseball vs. Central Missouri, 12 p.m. in Warrensburg, Mo. -Softball vs. Midwestern State (Texas), 11 a.m. in Joplin, Mo.

-Softball vs. Oklahoma City, 3 p.m. in Joplin, Mo. -Softball vs. Missouri Southern, 5 p.m. in Joplin,

-Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Missouri Valley in Marshall, Mo.

Wednesday

-Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Ferris State (Mich.), 2 p.m. at home

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday

-Boys' Basketball at Districts, 6 p.m. in Plattsburg,

Friday

-Girls' Basketball at Districts, 7 p.m. in Plattsburg,

Saturday

-Boys' Basketball at Districts, 7 p.m. in Plattsburg,

NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP TEAM | THRIVING NOT SURVIVING

ADWELL CONTROLS the wood chipper as Robert Laugerd uses the backhoe to put recycled wood into the machine.

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WHERE WE'RE SAVING

\$14,000 monthy reduction in fuel costs by burning Carbolitic Materials Comany's leftover

> 30% spring online enrollment growth

Built \$4,000,000 since the fall semester in reserve funds

Mid-stream spendng adjustments saved \$500,000

By Philip Gruenwald Chief Reporter

At a time when the future looks bleak and higher-education funding is as dry as the spreadsheet it is printed on, take comfort in the tantamount might of the Northwest Leadership Team. On Feb. 16, President John Jasinski and the nine other NLT

attended members hearings for Missouri's House Appropriations Committee. And while other Missouri colleges bemoaned their evertightening budgets, Jasinski preached a message of hope, perseverance and success.

The NLT is an elite team of faculty, staff and administrative officers who collaborate

on their various constituents and blueprint their leadership plan, and then take it back out to their different groups. Recently, their primary focus is to increase revenue in spite of a funding deficit. NLT member and Vice President of Marketing and University Relations Tim McMahon

touts Jasinski's noble

resolve.

"President Jasinski went down to talk in these hearings with the perspective that says we must confront these realities, and that we have a very serious - maybe unprecedented - economic crisis," McMahon said. "But I think the thing he did that others didn't do is put across the notion

that we can't simply think about just survival and about cutting and about squeezing. It's not just about survival – it's about thriv-

ing." Given the financial task at hand, thriving is easier said than done. Missouri Governor Matt Blunt's tuition freeze ultimatum comes at a time when forty percent of Northwest's budget comes from state appropriations and stimulus funding. Blunt's proposal mandates tuition freezes if the budget is cut is at or below 5.2 percent.

"Our appropriation cuts in the next couple of years could be as

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CENSUS

PRSSA works to inform students

By Trey Williams Asst. News Reporter

During the month of March, residents of Maryville and Northwest students will receive a form in the mail that will affect how the U.S. government views Missouri

for the next ten years. With the 2010 census around the corner, the Public Relations Student Society of America is working to make sure students here are both knowledgeable and included in this year's census.

John Fritz, a member of PRSSA who is helping

curately counted in the census is more important than just knowing how many people are in the country.

Maryville Suppose needed to apply for state funding for any number of reasons, how much the city receives depends on how many people were counted in the area. If the number does not fairly represent the actual number of residents, then the city might experience a budget shortage.

Fritz, along with the

to inform students about vice president of promothe census, says that mak-tions for PRSSA Jamie ing sure people are ac- Ham, want to make sure this does not happen by ensuring that Northwest students know how important it is to fill out a census form.

"College students are usually the hardest to be accounted for," Ham said. "Mostly because they live at home for part of the year then on campus for

Ham and Fritz don't want to focus only on students on campus, but make sure that those who

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2000 Census **Participation**

National

72%

Missouri

73%

Maryville

78%

SWIM CLUB

Newest organization gains campus approval

By Andrew Johnson Missourian Reporter

Northwest has many draws for students looking to continue their education at a higher level. One of those draws would be the 180 student organizations the University offers. Students were involved in creating these clubs over the years to better

Recently, a group of students considered the start of a new club. Randall Pyfrom, president of the swim club, wanted to take his organization to the next level. The club, which is for students interested in physical fitness and fun activities, wanted to become an official club recognized by Student Senate.

"We can actually be affiliated with Northwest with a little more stake on campus facilities," Pyfrom said. "We will be more known and able to recruit more easily."

According to Jeff Drake, Student Senate organizational affairs chair,



JAMES SORENSEN SWIMS laps at the Forester Aquatic Center. The Center will house the newly formed Swim Club.

University organization isn't too dif-

the process to becoming an official

First, students must find at least 10 others interested in joining the club. Next, leaders must write a Con-

stitution, containing fundamental principles and structure of the organization, as well as by-laws, which contain rules of procedure and how the group will be governed. Once this is completed, the group must fill out the Organization Recognition Form.

"When this has been received, group leaders will be contacted with a date and time to present your request to the Committee on Organizational Affairs," Drake said.

If the idea is approved at this level, it must be presented again to the full Student Senate.

The swim club was approved by Student Senate with a unanimous vote on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. According to Pyfrom, the club will not be based on competitions. Instead, the club will schedule exercises and routines that will meet once a week. During that time, students will play games, lap swim and gain more swim time than the average student. Eventually, they hope to begin competing in St. Joseph and Iowa.

PROVOST

Last candidate to answer questions during final forum

By Cassie Thomas Chief Reporter

A third open forum will bring the search for a provost into the final stage. The open forum for the final candidate for the position of provost, Paul Theobald, will be held at 1 p.m. today.

Theobald is currently the Interim Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at Buffalo State College in Buffalo,

Theobald earned his Ph.D. in Education History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champagne. Previously, Theobald has worked as a professor and Dean of the School of Education at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb.

The main responsibility of the provost is to lead the faculty, according to Max Fridell, President of Faculty Senate and chair of the selection committee.

"The provost has a plethora of responsibilities - he is responsible for overseeing curriculum, overseeing instruction and overseeing research affairs. He is also a member of the Northwest Leadership Team, which makes him an executive officer," Fridell said.

The provost serves as the chief academic officer, according to Mary Throener, Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness.

'The provost must have a good understanding of the faculty and the curriculum offered at our University," Throener said. "The provost also must interact with state bodies and serve as a voice for Northwest to those groups."

As the chief academic officer, it is important that the provost has strong lines of communication with the faculty as a

"The provost establishes and determines interaction with the faculty," Fridell said. "The [current] communication lines between the faculty and provost are strong and healthy."

Although the interaction between the faculty and the provost is more obvious,

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Crash survivor inspires crowd

By Brian Johnson Features Editor

Fifteen years ago, Mercedes Ramirez Johnson laid in a hospital bed with tubes running in and out of her body. She was given a 20-30 percent chance of surviving. She would be in intensive care for six weeks; she could barely even sit up in bed, let alone move. All of this happened shortly after she had just turned 21.

This story was told to a disbelieved crowd at Mary Lynn Auditorium Monday night. Johnson, an alumna of Northwest, was involved in a tragic plane crash that took the lives of over 160 people, including her parents. She miraculously survived with only three others. Today, she has been using what she calls her second chance at life to tell her story and inspire others.

"I needed to do something to not only make my second chance at life count for something, but in a way to pay back to all the goodness that was sent my way," Johnson said.

Johnson said Tuesday that this goodness came in forms of letters and care packages from her sisters of Phi Mu sorority, her friends and people she did not even know. She even received a care package from the Atlanta Braves, her favorite baseball team.

"The whole time I was hospitalized

and getting better, everybody was always so encouraging and positive that I never thought oh my goodness, I'm going to die," Johnson said.

While a recount of the crash was a part of what Johnson wanted to tell, it was not the main message. Her lectures are about something she likes to call the Flight Plan of Choices. These choices include the choice to live, the choice to gain perspective and the choice to persevere.

She said that it is important to not become complacent, to not lose situational awareness and to thrive over just surviving. She wants students to do more than just enough to get by, and while we all go through moments in our lives where we want to just get through the week or we want to do just enough schoolwork to get by, we should strive for something better.

"The problem is that we fall into the trap of survival mode, of just surviving day to day," Johnson said. "Don't allow yourself to do that...you're not giving yourself the opportunity to truly thrive."

Today, Johnson is married with four children and lives in Texas. She has also established a scholarship for minority students, and she is an active member of the Northwest's Foundation Executive board.

"I want to strike a deal with you guys here tonight," Johnson told the crowd. "Let



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NORTHWEST ALUMNA MERCEDES Ramirez Johnson spoke at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts about a plane wreck she survived on her 21 birthday. Johnson talked to students about her Flight Plan of Choices.

me be your plane crash...and I want you to walk away with those three powerful choices: the choice to live, the choice to persevere and the choice to gain a better perspective because I know if you incorporate them into your life, they can make a tremendous difference."

AFTERDARK

Campus event of the year to bring 'message of hope'

By Austin Buckner News Editor

Promoted as the biggest campus event of the year, last night's AFTERdark event was a unique combination of presentations, speeches and musical performances brought together to convey a message of hope.

Katelyn Hansen, one of the organizers of the event, said she hopes those in attendance learned from keynote speaker, Joe White's presentation.

"The message that (White) brings is a message of hope," Hansen said. "He really asks if what he's talking about is relevant to college student lives. He takes on the persona of a Roman soldier who built the cross on which Jesus died."

White is the president of Kanakuk Kamps in Branson, Mo. Every summer, the camps employ over 2,500 college students from all over the world, including sophomore Kevin Smith. In October, Smith started using his connections to bring AFTERdark to Northwest.

"When I worked at Kanakuk Kamps previously, there were people from Texas Christian University, University of Florida, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and other colleges from all over the United States," Smith said. "They basically get in contact with somebody that they know on campus and see if it's a good idea to get AFTERdark on their campus."

Since October, Hansen and Smith have had several meetings with representatives of AFTERdark in preparation for last night's event.

"There's been several meetings with the AFTER-dark workers that come up here and get the ball rolling," Hansen said. "It's been really cool to see different people stepping up and various ministries stepping up to help out."

Smith agreed with Hansen stating the preparation process was a great opportunity to unify the various ministries at Northwest for a common goal.

"It's not just primarily one ministry that did it," Smith said. "It's an entire campus organization ministry coming together to put it on."

In addition to White's presentation, the night was highlighted by special guests head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma and Northwest alum Jeremy Davis, and musical performances by St. Louis Christian hip-hop artist, Thi'sl, and Dallas, Texas, rock band Sleeperstar.

FORENSICS CLUB

Debate team to travel to UK to participate in world-wide tournament

By Emily DeMarea Missourian Reporter

Yesterday, the Northwest debate team traveled to the United Kingdom to participate in a two-week long worldwide event. The Montgomery Cup Debate Tour is an annual event that Northwest is participating in for the first time this year. Director of the forensics team David

Nelson has previously competed in three montgomery cups.

"We won't know the topic areas until arrival," Nelson said. "From past experience, however, it's likely that we will be debating on current events. I would guess some of the topics will include the Middle East, hurricanes, earthquakes and other economic issues."

The montgomery cup debate

style is different from what the students are used to. Having participated in three montgomery cups before, Nelson has been preparing his students.

"I've been teaching my team a lot about the world style," Nelson said. "I've also shown videos so that my students can learn the differences of debate style here and in the U.K."

Other than the debate itself,

activities have been planned for the students during downtime.

"We have planned to attend several tours for the cities we are going to," Baker said. "And we are also going to be learning cultural differences for a paper we are presenting in April when we return."

A welcoming ceremony is scheduled for April 17, at 7 p.m. in Wells Hall Room 117.

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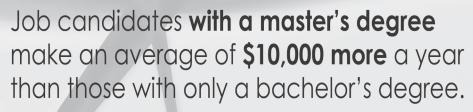




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FAIR TAXATION BILL

Sales tax bill looks to make Missouri's November ballot

By Trey Williams Asst. News Editor

In the next general election, Missourians may be given the opportunity to choose whether to continue paying income taxes or demolish them all together.

A new bill has been introduced to the House of Representatives that, if passed, will do away with income tax and replace it with a fair sales tax of 5.11 percent on retail sales and taxable services. The Fair Taxation Bill is currently undergoing changes to insure it is passed and placed on the ballot of November 2010.

With the Fair Taxation Bill, people will not be paying more taxes or fewer taxes. The current income tax will be replaced by a higher sales tax on more goods and services.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Ed Emery, proposed this bill in the past but had no success.

Emery's theory as to why the bill fell through before has to do with the fact that the previous bill failed to identify or predict what the new sales tax would be. But now that he and the other sponsors of the bill have been tweaking its flaws, Emery is optimistic that it will be put on the ballot for November.

"It was just too much of a pig in a poke," Emery said. "People had no desire to vote for it without knowing what the sales tax was."

Emery, who is passionate about this new bill, says that it isn't fair to tax people based on what they make. He refers to the situation as individual liberty.

"With this fair tax, the government will have much less to say," Emery said. "They won't be able to punish people if they don't like your decisions or award you if they like the decisions you make."

The bill brings more posi-

tive outcomes than just helping consumers in Missouri. Emery said that the passing of this bill would also be a big boost for businesses. The Missouri government will also be able to tax those who currently do not pay income tax, such as people who are here illegally and those being paid "under the table".

'We're going to be able to capture some of those lost taxes," Emery said.

With all the advantages that seem to surround this bill, it's hard to imagine anyone not supporting it. However, Emery knows that this is no fantasy world. Emery says there are three types of people in opposition of the fair tax bill.

"There are some people who are just afraid of change and they just don't understand the bill," Emery said.

He went on to say there are businesses that believe under this bill they may not have the same advantage over their competition.

"There are businesses that think they will lose their advantage with this fair tax," Emery said. "But they are misinformed."

Emery is confident that these groups of people can eventually be won over, but not all that oppose the bill will. He says that most of the people who believe in a central powered government cannot be won over.

There are those like Sen. Charlie Shields that aren't against the bill, they just feel uncomfortable voting for a bill that currently lacks important information.

Farrah Fite, the communication director for the senate republican caucus, says there are still a lot of questions to be

"I think they are going to spend a lot of time debating this bill," Fite said.

PUBLIC WORKS

Money received to overlay asphalt on roads

By Cassie Thomas Chief Reporter

Many pot-hole filled roads will soon see an improvement within the city of Maryville and at Mozingo Lake.

The total cost of the project, including city roads as well as Mozingo Lake is \$762,245, according to Matt LeCerf, Maryville City Manager.

"We evaluated the condition of various roads and sent 35 to the council for consideration," LeCerf said. "The council then narrowed the number of roads to what we could financially afford."

Funding for all Mozingo Lake roads will come through the Mozingo operations fund. City roads will be funded by the capital improvement sales tax and the street maintenance general fund.

Residents of the city of Maryville will see no increase in taxes as a result of these road improvements.

The roads will be improved by a process called asphalt overlay, a process that has been used to improve roads within Maryville in the past.



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A CAR SPLASHES through potholes while driving on Alvin Street on Wednesday. Alvin Street is one of the roads in Maryville approved for asphalt overlay beginning

"A hot mix of asphalt is laid on the existing surface, two to three inches thick, and is then rolled into an overlay," LeCerf said.

These overlays are expected to last seven to 10 years. Weather permitting, the project will begin in April and be completed by July.

GRANT MONEY

Two bridges approved for funds to repair flood damage

By Matthew Leimkuehler Chief Reporter

Nodaway County received state grants to help pay for major bridge construction on two bridges in the

On Feb. 22, the Missouri Department of Economic Development announced they had received two grants to aid in payment of the reconstruction of bridge #686, located near Conception Junction and bridge #28, located in the northwestern part of the county near Elmo, Mo. The grants value a combined total over \$450,000, according to a Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments press release.

The bridges had suffered from flood damage in the springs of '08 and '09, making them a hazard. Regional Council Director Tye Parsons gives insight as to what caused the damage.

'The water path will actually migrate when you have a lot flooding and the path of the stream will change,"

Parsons said. "It undercuts the bridge and you have erosion on one or both sides of the bridge, in fact, it starts to undercut the approach ramps and they become unusable."

The county received a competitive block grant for the bridges, which fell under the category of disaster relief grants, according to Parsons.

projects to this round of funding and we got three funded. That gives you an idea of how competitive the process is," The process of receiving money

"Out of our office, we submitted 13

from the state is not a short one and the money was much needed.

"Both bridges are in dire need, new bridges that will be built will be no weight limit bridges, concrete and steel structure," Dougan said. "Both will be engineered with hydraulic studies and environmental studies, they'll be top of the line bridges for anybody to travel across them."

Dougan has confidence that the

bridges that will be built will stand the tests time.

"They'll be constructed in such a manner that hopefully floods will not damage them at all," Dougan said.

Nodaway County is providing the labor for the projects; therefore the grants are material only, according to Parsons. When state money is being spent on a project, certain stipulations come with certain phases.

"We're in the environmental review process right now," Parsons said. "Any federal or state program that's funded through grant dollars has to do an environmental review process just to make sure we're not harming the animals or the plant life."

Dougan plans to have a thorough fix of the problematic bridges.

"It's going to be total destruction and reconstruction, new bridges going in both locations," Dougan said.

Construction is planned to start this summer and both Parsons and Dougan hope the project is done by fall 2010.



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OUR VIEW

Students must voice opinion of newspaper fee

ability of the government to fund institutions around the state, students have seen not only a hike in tuition, but an increase in fees as well. Because of a tight budget, the University is faced with two options. One, get rid of the particular service if it costs too much. Or, two, make the students foot the bill. The proposed College Readership Fee, a 50-cent hike per credit hour, is intended to make up the difference for newspapers

Due to the dwindling provided to students on campus (USA Today, the Kansas City Star and the St. Joseph News-press). But since the fee in question passed Student Senate Tuesday night and later makes its rounds within the Board of Regents, we must question if it's worth it. Is the Newspaper Readership Program a luxury or a necessity?

> Our age has known great heights in the ever-expanding electronic era. The world is vividly displayed on many screens sported

throughout most homes, be that television or computer. Many news stories from various and competing media outlets are but a click away from the remote control, mouse or even on cellular phones. Many people view print journalism as a hassle, one of many unnecessary expenses or simply unneeded. Should we cling to the past because of a nostalgic feeling of the good ol' days?

Despite the easy access to national and world news, many people still do not take advantage of the opportunity to hear the issues that affect us all. The Newspaper Readership Program is, however, a service that is used, mainly because of the absolute convenience in the access of the newspapers provided.

Not only does the program support and promote a dying field within the journalism community, it does have a positive effect on students as well. The Northwest community members

pick up the habit of actually opening a paper copy, the ink stained on their fingers the proof of such a feat, and local and national media outlets are supported in the process. Class discussions advance to a new level, and the foundational aspects of learning can be applied to real-world experiences.

Sure, various stories can be splashed across the TV screen. But how would we know the struggle of a Haitian without a feature story that encompasses the daily

life of someone hit by disaster? Numbers are turned into real people. Social and political issues that strike in every culture can be brought to the forefront.

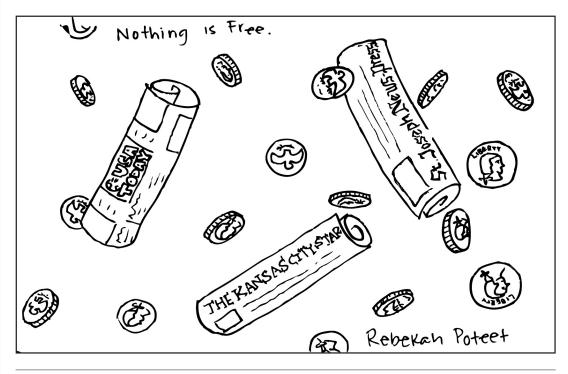
Even if the program isn't vital, it is still an important facet of education on campus, well worth a paltry 50-cent increase per credit

However, we encourage University officials to find out what the students want. We are, after all, the ones who will foot the bill.

WHAT THE

For many generations. Americans have felt their civil liberties vanishing and Big Brother's powers broadening in the slippery slope of national defense. This week is no different. According to the Associated Press. President Obama signed an extension for one year of three provisions of the Patriot Act, which was passed shortly after 9/11 Analysts are speculating two primary motives. One. time was running out to work out any kinks that would narrow the scope Two the Obama Administration is choosing its battles carefully against Republicans. However, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) isn't too thrilled. We can't deny that protection is a necessity. However, we should be very careful of

CARTOON



MY VIEW

U.S. should not abandon moderate mentality

This past week, one prominent republican objected to a call for unanimous consent regarding H.R. 4691. This legislation would finance the provision of unemployment benefits and the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) health care subsidies

through the first week of April. The National Employment Law Project estimates that more than 1.2 million individuals may lose their benefits if the bill does not pass.

In some circles, these objections are being praised for their obstructionism. Conservative Web blog RedState is hailing (R) Sen. Jim Bunning's efforts, claiming that he was "standing strong for the American people" by delaying a vote on the Senate floor. Bunning later dropped his objection.

Texas Governor Rick Perry is one member of this so-called "conservative movement." This past April, he announced his support for a state resolution that would have allowed Texas to secede from the union. Frayed by a rough electoral climate and the still-young Obama presidency, Perry took on a stance that seemed unpatriotic.

Oddly enough, his support of

Chris Edwards

the secession movement made him a hero among the tea-party crowd. He was the featured speaker at a San Antonio Tea Party rally, and he is favored for re-election in 2010. His only primary challenge comes from Kay Bailey Hutchinson. She is a moderate, and her poll numbers sug-

gest that Texas simply is not looking for moderates.

(D) Rep. Alan Grayson made headlines last year when he claimed the Republican health care plan relied upon patients never getting sick or, if they did, dying quickly to save money for the insurance companies. The next day, he took to the House floor and apologized—to those affected by this new American "holocaust."

During the weeks and months following these statements, Grayson received more than \$350 thousand for his re-election campaign. In fact, he claims to have received contributions from more than 15 thousand individuals. Grayson's harsh words also led to appearances on programs like "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" and "Real Time with Bill Maher".

These are a few examples of a widening chasm in our political

discourse. Extreme ideologues are gaining power, and their actions are delaying important policy debates in areas like health care and employment.

Our government is supposed to be inefficient—that's why we have checks and balances. Unfortunately, this degree of inefficiency has no significant relation to things like filibusters or reconciliation. In this case, it has more to do with the way officials are abandoning the moderate elements that usually help to win elections.

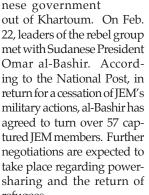
It is easy to forget independent voters make up more than 40 percent of our electorate. It is difficult to understand why they've been abandoned by political stakeholders and the media elite.

Civility is now confused for timidity. Compromise is seen as inaction. We expect our leaders to take a strong stance on every position. Party platform outweighs the needs of the people. When things like primary challengers, lobbyists and a radical electorate stand between a politician and his or her policy choices, obstructionism is the only choice. This gridlock has led to uprising on both sides. As a result, health care will be delayed, and unemployment benefits will lapse. Most importantly, people will suffer. When will we learn?

MY VIEW

Watch for political cards in Darfur's cease-fire

An element of peace may have come to Darfur, as the Justice and **Equality Movement** (JEM), one of the region's larger rebel groups, signed a temporary ceasefire with the Sudanese government



refugees. The rebellion began in 2003, when the JEM and the Sudanese Liberation Army (SLA) accused the Arab-dominated Sudanese government of oppressing non-Arabs, as well as exploiting ethnic differences to rally Darfurians against South Sudanese during civil wars that divided North and South Sudan since 1989. The government responded with offensives into Darfur by the Sudanese Army and Arab militias known as the Janjaweed. This conflict displaced nearly 2.7 million, and the estimated death tolls range from 200,000 to 400,000. In 2004, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell declared the conflict an act of genocide. In 2008, the International Criminal Court charged al-Bashir for ten charges of war crimes and in 2009 issued a warrant for his



SLA signed a peace agreement with the government in 2006, but has since become aggressive. The Sudan Tribune reported the JEM, SLA and the Addis Ababa Group had been trying to form a coalition delegation to attend talks with the Sudanese government, but the coalition failed. The JEM unilaterally met with al-Bashir, and the talks have left other rebel groups cold.

These negotiations are a welcome sight but are a political maneuver from the Sudanese government and the JEM leadership. Both parties agreed to a development of the JEM into a political party, and the peace accord mentions an inclusion of the JEM in the Sudanese government. The general elections scheduled for April 10 of this year were on the minds of political strategists of both groups, where talks of peace and power-sharing would be excellent cards to play. Also considered are the upcoming popular referendums in July, regarding the formation of a unitary Darfurian state and in 2011, regarding a potential independence of South Sudan.

While the killing may be abated, the politics of Sudan will soon reach an interesting

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THRIVING: Jasinski, Leadership Team seek alternative ways to progress through the recession

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be as high as 20 to 25 percent of our funding," Vice President of Finance Stacy Carrick reports. "With that amount of change in the funding stream from the state, obviously we have to think differently."

Jasinski and an unmitigated NLT have implemented atypical policies to cut costs. While other Missouri universities reported salary and staff cuts at the hearings, Northwest's healthy, sustainable innovations make us somewhat of an outlier [see sidebar].

"We have not just a serious

problem, we have a serious opportunity to differentiate ourselves from the rest and emerge down the road as a leader," McMahon said.

Opportunities like earth-friendly initiatives, tighter fund processing and growing academic programs show that there are options outside of budget cuts and over-stretched dollars. The numbers speak for themselves; in the midst of a flushing economy, Northwest's enrollment is expected to increase next year.

"We have a waiting list here," McMahon said. "If you get in here, you're a lucky person because you're getting a heck of a value for what you're paying for."

Leading the optimism crusade is Jasinski himself, described by McMahon and Carrick as "honest, open and transparent." He is even on Twitter, Facebook and has a blog. Jasinski is one of several newcomers to the NLT, which Carrick views as a refreshening

"I think [the young team] brings a new set of eyes," Carrick said. "I think that the newness is allowing us to ask questions and to challenge – I almost hate to use this term –

the status quo."

Jasinski has been canvassing nearly every square inch of campus, absorbing feedback and hearing opinions. He and the NLT have been gathering information to truly assess Northwest's best interests before a final budget is drawn

As McMahon says, the key here is to know the market.

"The president knows that you've got to start putting your oar in the water right now to figure out where you're going," McMahon said. "And that's input."

McMahon, Carrick, Jasin-

ski and others will continue vehemently pursuing alternative ways of positively pushing Northwest ahead. Budgetwise, the key is to focus on Northwest's strengths while limiting or discarding the weaknesses.

"We're not just going to sit back and be a victim, we're going to take this to the street and make it happen," McMahon said. "It's pretty fun when you think about that, as opposed to saying 'How do we squeeze out a few dollars here and there.""

If budget analysis can be described as 'fun,' someone

must be doing something right. In this case, such optimism can be traced back to its source. Jasinski's testimony before the House of Appropriations Committee in February sums up the NLT's efforts succinctly.

"Make no mistake. We will continue to mine every dollar that is not productive and question every process, program and person that is not serving our purpose," Jasinski said. "But, we want you to know that our mission is to deliver on our heritage of innovation to address the uncertain economic times before us. And we are."

PROVOST: Selection process nears an end

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many aspects of the provost's job directly affect the students.

"The provost directly impacts the quality of life of every student on campus," Fridell said. The purpose of the open forums is to give

The purpose of the open forums is to give the campus community a chance to ask any questions they may have. All students, staff and faculty are invited to the forums. Feedback forms are handed out at the beginning of each forum and collected at the end.

"After the final candidate we will look at all the information and type out the written comments. The selection committee will meet again and send the final list of candidates to the president, who will send his selection to be approved by the Board of Regents," Fridell said.

CENSUS: Multiple methods encourage student participation

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live off campus are just as informed.

To ensure that people get the information that they need, PRSSA has created a video that they plan on showing to the residents who live in the dorms. Along with the video, they plan to have speakers talking to groups and organizations on campus. And just in case that is not enough, they created a Facebook group students can go to.

"We want people to realize they don't have a choice, they have to participate," Fritz said. "We are trying to educate people on why it's so important."

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Joseph M. Bond, 20, Stanberry, Mo., disorderly conduct, minor in possession, 300 block of N. Market

Feb. 26

Joshua D. McKinney, 20, St. Joseph, Mo., driving while suspended, 100 block of S. Main

Kara N. Gaul, 20, Milo, Iowa, minor in possession, failure to signal turn, 600 block of N. Buchanan

John W. May, 20, Lacona, Iowa, minor in possession, open container in a motor vehicle, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Adam M. Newmaster, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Spencer C. Solon, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Todd J. McClain, 36, Maryville, driving while revoked, 2200 block S. Main St

Feb. 27

Jenna N. Disselhoff, Kansas City, Mo., minor in possession, 100 block of N. Buchanan Makenzie R. Morock, 17, Parkville, Mo., minor in possession, 100 block of N. Buch-

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STAYING FIT

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Video game benefits are measured against the gym

By Erin Colasacco Missourian Reporter Photo by Lori Frankenfield Photography Editor

It seems like almost everyone these days is blaming computer and video games for weight gain in kids and adolescents. In an effort to break the mold, Nintendo cises such as running, swimintroduced their Wii Sports and Wii Fit games in 2006 to motivate kids to get off the couch and to get moving. However, the video games are no longer considered just for young children. These fun, motivating games appeal to all ages spanning from kids to grandparents.

Originally, the console came with Wii Sports. This includes games such as bowling, baseball, tennis and boxing. The virtual sports are interactive and allow players to mimic movements that they would use if they were playing the real thing. The games your daily progress," Welborn

are enjoyable for all ages and mix fun with movement, allowing people to burn calories without even realizing they are.

Nintendo realized this and decided to capitalize by introducing its Wii Fit program. Wii Fit

contains four genres of games that include strength training, aerobics, yoga and balance exercises. The game includes a balance board that is used to help to gauge how well you are performing. It is also used for weigh-ins and Body Mass Index calculations.

People of all ages have caught onto the craze. Senior Mary Welborn has used the Wii Fit program to supplement her exercise routine while still having fun.

"My favorite games were the aerobics and the tennis. They were both so upbeat and fun," Welborn said. "I am also a tennis player so it was fun to be able to play in the winter when I couldn't get out on the courts."

To anyone who has played or watched anyone else play the games, they appear extremely fun and entertaining, but are they really effective? Loren Butler, associate professor of Northwest's HPERD Department, says not really.

"My experience with the games is that they provide opportunities for light to moderate exercise and we need more moderate to vigorous exercise."

Butler also points out that Wii Fit can't replace work in

"Nothing can replace exerming, riding a bike or weight lifting," Butler said.

'Wii Golf pales in comparison to walking 9 or 18 holes of golf on a beautiful day with sunshine in your face, a cool breeze at your back, and the sounds and smells of nature."

While the Wii Fit games may not be conducive to a great amount of weight loss, it still has its own definite benefits. Welborn was impressed with the amount of measurements that it is capable of.

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HPERD Department Professor

Loren Butler,

said. "I liked that I could add any physical activities that I do away from Wii Fit and it counts toward my work out goal for the

day." "Wii Fit could be great as part of a school unit. Using Wii

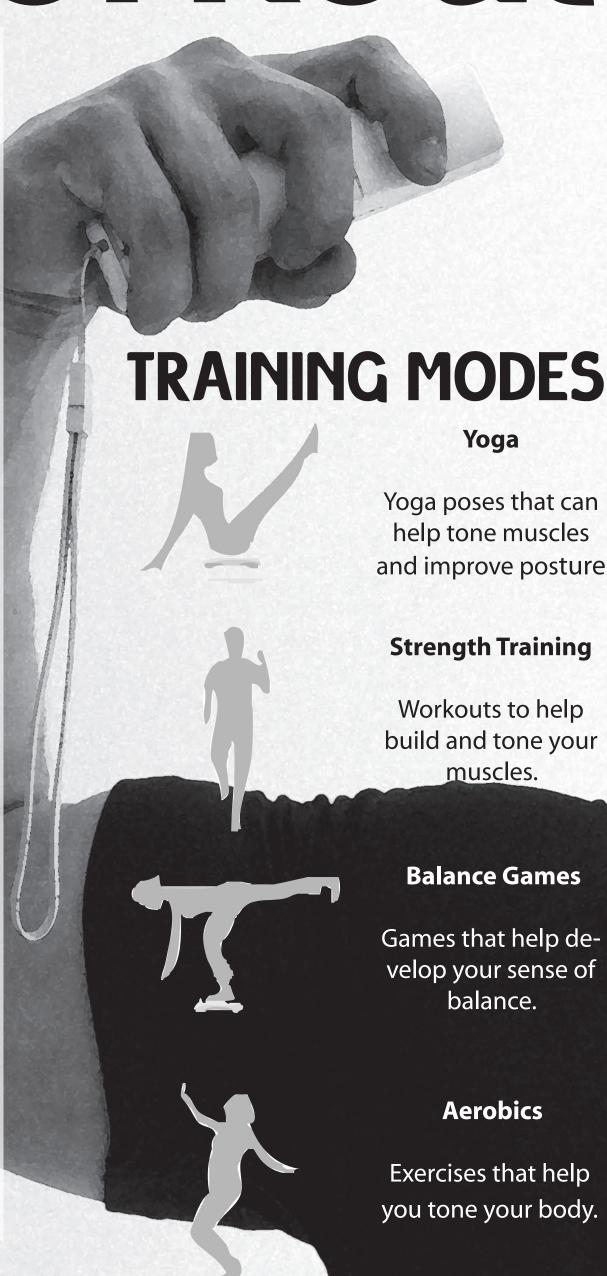
Fit with young children as part of a unit would not replace exercise but act as a great supplement," Butler said.

Butler also thinks that the programs can be a great supplement to educate people of all ages about the benefits of exercise, nutrition and better

Both Welborn and Butler do seem to agree that while the Wii Sports and Fit programs are a great supplement to exercise at the gym, it cannot serve as a proper replacement.

"I prefer actually going to the gym because I see more results," Welborn said.

Wii Fit has proved itself as a great tool to help people of all ages to get moving. It offers a great amount of motivation and resources to help people lose weight and tone up. The program is a good supplemental tool for exercise but cannot replace the real highintensity exercises that most people need to notice significant changes in their body.



Top 2 picks

By Brian Johnson Features Editor

Coming to Theaters: "Alice in Wonderland" will finally be hitting the big screen after nearly a year of hype and promotion on Friday. Tim Burton is at it again with Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter as viewers take a trip back to the land of strange characters and circumstances. The movie follows Alice, played by Australian newcomer Mia Wasikowska, as she returns to the Wonderland as a 19-year old because the evil Red Queen has threatened to take over. While Burton's style may be off-putting to some viewers, there's no doubt the visual effects will draw in plenty of viewers and open the unique, classic story to a whole new generation.



New DVD to Rent: "Where the Wild Things Are" hits the DVD shelves Tuesday. One of the most interesting movies of 2009, "Where the Wild Things Are" is a fitting movie for anyone of any age because there are lessons to be learned on multiple levels. Children will be enthralled by the imagery of the movie and the older audiences will be touched by the friendship between Max and the wild things. It will take them back to when they would read the story before bedtime as children. The movie took a creative direction with Spike Jonze as director. Jonze had made a career as a director of music videos. One might question whether he was fitting for the movie, but doubts will be put to rest from the first frame of the movie to the last.



Your Man says take it easy kids

What is with kids these days?

Headed for lunch at the Union yesterday, I was nearly trampled by the usual herd of little Horace Mann munchkins coming from Brown Hall.

That's practically a daily occurrence, so I didn't think anything of it until I noticed one of them texting, on what looked like a Blackberry.

Really? What could a young child possibly need a Blackberry for? Are they checking their stocks? Facebook updates?

When I was eight, I had two interests: 1. Watch Ninja Turtles. 2. Blow up insects with firecrackers.

I wouldn't last five minutes as a kid these days. The pressures of premature adulthood are mounting on children faster than Father O'Leary back when I went to Catholic school.

Let me run you through a few scenarios that seem to represent modern childhood. I'll use a girl's perspective, because I think they have it

Age four: you're in a swimsuit on a stage, trying desperately to become "Little



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Miss Whatever", much to the delight of dozens of middleaged men in the audience.

Age six: you're on a crash diet because one of your aunts mentioned baby fat at your last family reunion.

Age ten: you're sexting one of your boyfriends, trying to set up that weekend's lipstick party.

Age twelve: you're cutting because you weren't chosen to star in the next Disney Channel series.

Age fourteen: you're suffering from mood swings due to the steroids you've been taking in an effort to make the varsity track team.

Age sixteen: you're knocked up, with a reality show on MTV.

Come on, parents. I know half of you are still teenagers yourself, but honestly, what's the rush?

These kids have an entire lifetime of intense pressure and subsequent failure to look forward to. Can't we give them a few years to just chill out and, God forbid, act like children first?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian

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'Shutter Island' proves next great psychological thriller

In the movie world, there are two types of horror films. One are the dime a dozen slasher films that are thrown out like ticker tape. Then there are ones that stay with you for a long time because of their ability to dive into your emotions and leave you feeling uncomfortable, but at the same time thinking it is an amazing movie. "Shutter Island" is in

the latter category. Directed by the legendary Martin Scorsese, the film follows two federal marshals, one played by Leonardo DiCaprio, as they are investigating a disappearance of a patient at the infamous Shutter Island, a mental institution. The institution is notable for housing some of the most dangerous criminally insane people in the world.

Scorsese's ability to delve the viewer into the world of his characters is once again on perfect display. DiCaprio's character, Teddy Daniels, is troubled by

the loss of his wife, and through spectacular imagery and dream sequences, moviegoers almost immediately realize how troubled he is.

While Scorsese has been giving us tortured characters for years, such as Travis Bickle in "Taxi Driver" and Jake Lamotta in "Raging



Brian Johnson Features Editor

with people that are even more tortured than he is. It is all presented beautifully in this movie, almost to the point the moviegoer can identify with the characters' tortured souls.

While this is Scorsese's first foray into the thriller/horror genre, it

seems like he's been doing it his whole career. Anyone who is familiar with old Stanley Kubrick movies can almost immediately tell that Scorsese drew a lot of inspiration from him. The slow brooding music, the random horrific imagery and the overall somber and gloomy mood of the movie.

It's also very evident that Scorsese drew inspiration from the legendary Alfred Hitchcock in creating tension. The movie slowly builds upon each scene, building more and more on the confusion and disorientation of the character to the point where viewers will feel they are losing their mind along with Daniels.

Twist endings are the

hot thing in horror movies these days, and while this movie does have that, it should be noted that this movie's twist is in the same vein as the ending of "The Sixth Sense." It takes you by surprise without being too hokey or cliché. Some might have a problem with Scorsese conforming to this fad, but more than likely his intention is to connect his movie to a new generation that may not be familiar with his films.

"Shutter Island" may go down as the next great psychological thriller much in the same vein as "The Shining." Scorsese has proven that he is not done, and as long as he is able to make movies, he will be doing so with the utmost professionalism and perfection.

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SPOOFHOUNDS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Spoofhounds cruise in District opener

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds opened up district play Monday night with a thorough stomping of East Buchanan.

The top seeded 'Hounds advanced to the semifinals with their 76-31 win Monday night.

"We were clicking on the offensive end," head coach Grant Hagemen said. "We hit some early shots, and I thought that was pretty contagious. We did a good job of playing unselfish, so I think we got some really good looks. Defensively, the effort was great again, and that's going to have to continue for the rest of the year."

Senior Meridee Scott led all scorers with 17 points. Junior Molly Steins chipped in 12 points of her own, while junior Mataya Wooten hit three of the 'Hounds' nine threes for nine points.

After the 'Hounds convincing vic-

tory on Monday, their focus quickly turned to a familiar opponent in Lathrop.

"[Lathrop is] a good team; they play fast," Hagemen said. "Like us, they shoot a lot from the perimeter. If their shots are going in, they are really tough on the offensive end. They get after you defensively, and they really want to press, and that's just part of how they want to play, which is up and down. We're really good at playing that way too, so it's going to come down to making some shots and playing defense."

Heading into the District semifinal game, Hagemen said he plans to stress the importance of getting better on the defensive end. He also said he wants the girls to "focus on the little things, because that's where it all starts."

Senior Emily Kisker knows how important the Lathrop game is this late in the season.

"I think that we're all trying not

to overlook them because that's what we did last time," Kisker said. "They ended up playing us a close game, which isn't what we expected. I think we are all planning on just coming out and playing as hard as we can tomorrow."

Hagemen will be looking toward his senior class to lead the team through this last stretch of games.

"We have been lucky," Hagemen said. "We have four great seniors. They are real positive and have fun, but they get after it when they have to. We're just lucky to have them. It's important to have them this time of the year because it has been a long season, and

you just got to keep grinding, grinding and grinding to get through it. Eventually, if you do that, you get

photo by hilary dohrman I missourian photographer SENIOR MERIDEE SCOTT drives past Benton defenders on. The Spoofhounds advanced to the semifinals of the district tournament with a 76-31 win over East Buchanan. The 'Hounds will

rewarded in the end."

Results from the Lathrop game were not available as of press time.
With a Maryville win against

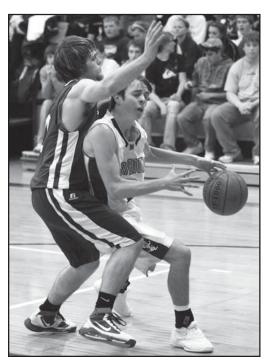
take on the winner of the South Harrison and Bishop LeBlond game this Friday.

Lathrop, the 'Hounds will take on the winner of the South Harrison and Bishop LeBlond game Friday at 7 p.m. at Plattsburg High School.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

SENIOR GUARD JOSH El liott gets elbowed in the face on his way to the basket The Spoofhounds defeated Lathrop to advance in Districts.





'Hounds blow past Lathrop, advance to second round

By Austin Wear Missourian Reporter

After last week's loss, the Spoofhounds looked to get some frustration out. That was bad news for the Lathrop

The 'Hounds marched on in the District Tournament Tuesday night after pounding Lathrop 64-27 at Plattsburg high school.

It was an all-around effort, with four guys scoring in double-digits. Head coach Mike Kuwitzky was happy with the performance.

"I thought we played good," Kuwitzky said. "Started

off sluggish but I thought we came back pretty good and played three good quarters."

The 'Hounds jumped out to a 12-6 lead at the end of the first. Unlike last week against Cameron, Maryville kept adding to the lead.

In the second quarter, Maryville added 17 points to increase their halftime lead to 29-12. The 17 point lead wasn't nearly enough for the Spoofhounds.

The third quarter was the highest scoring period for the 'Hounds, and the lowest scoring quarter for Lathrop. Maryville increased their lead to 47-17.

The fourth quarter was the same story as the other quarters. The Spoofhounds didn't let up much, outscoring the Mules 17-10.

Senior forwards Keenan Joiner and Adam Thomson scored 12 points each. Junior guard Tyler Peve also scored 12 for the 'Hounds. Sophomore guard Tyler Walter chipped in 11 points.

"They played well," Kuwitzky said. "They shot well. They play a lot of minutes for us so we like our bench; we feel that they are very helpful. I thought the whole team played pretty well."

The Spoofhounds (18-4)

continue their quest for a District title against the upsetminded Plattsburg Tigers (8-12). The Tigers upset No. 3 seeded South Harrison team and are looking to do it again against second seeded Spoof-

"We have to completely redirect our thinking now," Kuwitzky said. "They are a scrappy, physical team, not a lot of size. Hopefully we can use our size against them. We are going to have to really hustle."

The 'Hounds tip-off the second round at 6 p.m. tonight against host Plattsburg in Plattsburg, Mo.

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ben McKim

Senior thrower Ben McKim set a

career-high in the shot put with a

throw of 59-feet, 9-inches at the

MIAA Championships in Warrens-

burg, Mo. McKim won the MIAA

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Angela Adams



Sophomore Angela Adams was named All-MIAA in both the 5,000-meter run and the 3,000 meter run. She placed second in the 5,000 and fourth in the 3,000. She broke the program record by 25 seconds in the 3,000. She already owns the program record in the 5,000.

Maryville Basketball



Basketball

The Spoofhounds dismantled Lathrop on their way to a 64-27 victory in the opening round of District play. Four players scored in double figures to help the second seeded 'Hounds move to 18-4 on the season and into the second round tonight. Maryville plays Plattsburg at 6 p.m. tonight.

Meridee Scott



Senior point guard Meridee Scott scored a game-high 17 points in Maryville's 76-31 victory over East Buchanan in the first round of the District Tournament. Scott hit two three pointers as the Spoofhounds built an insurmountable lead in the first quarter to put the game away.

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BASEBALL



SENIOR CATCHER KREED Kurtz prepares to take on an opposing pitcher in a game last season. The Bearcats have gotten off to a slow start at 2-9 this season.

'Cats open conference play

By Isaac Freeman Missourian Reporter

Last week the Northwest baseball team played four games in two days in Russellville, Ark., against Arkansas Tech.

The Bearcats only won one of the four games making their record 2-9 on the

On the first day, the 'Cats dropped the first game 21-13. Senior outfielder Matt Stice went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and only left one man on base.

The second game, the Bearcats got their second win of the season, 8-0.

They rode the arm of junior pitcher Chris Green who threw a complete game one-hit shutout. He got the run support he needed from his teammates as the 'Cats scored in five of the game's seven innings.

On day two of action, the Bearcats dropped both games. In the first game, the Cats' lost 11-5. They batted 7-for-34 as a team and only scored in the first and

seventh innings of the loss.

The second game, the Bearcats couldn't rebound and fell short 8-4. They played tough, but were just unable to come away with the win, head coach Darin Loe said.

The Bearcats will play their first 17 games on he road and with the snow on the ground, outside practices are hard to come by, Loe said.

"We do some stuff in the gymnasium and in Lower Level (Lamkin) but we are missing practicing outdoors on a real baseball field," Loe said. Northwest travels to Warrensburg, Mo.,

to take on the Central Missouri Mules as they open up conference play. The games are scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday.

Although the Mules are undefeated, Loe was optimistic about the Bearcats'

"The good thing about sports is the guy that is predicted to win, doesn't always win," Loe said.

TRACK AND FIELD

MIAA Championships gives team Nationals warm-up

By Jason Lawrence Sports Editor

Northwest came away from the MIAA Championships in Warrensburg, Mo., with their best meet of the season.

Five athletes and a relay team came back to campus with All-MIAA status.

Senior thrower Ben McKim picked up the MIAA crown in the shot put by throwing a career-best 59-feet, 9-inches.

"I think it's big. He's worked so hard," head coach Scott Lorek said. "Really, hitting that big throw at conference is just huge. It's not at his goal; he wants to get 60 feet. I think he'll be more motivated than ever."

McKim also took third in the weight throw at the

"It was very exciting, quite an adrenaline rush,' McKim said. "The weight, I was happily surprised with because my previous three years here, I've never been a weight thrower, so that was kind of nice. The shot put I was extremely excited with, not only because I won, but because I competed as well as I could."

Sophomore Angela Adams came in second in the 5,000-meter run. She set a new personal best and garnered All-MIAA honors.

3,000-meter run, setting a Americans," Lorek said.

new track record and school record. However, in the second heat, two other runners surpassed her time and her new record, moving her down to fourth place in the event.

Sophomore Tyler Shaw earned All-MIAA honors in both the 60-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash, placing second in both events.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Brandi Honeywell, Emily Churchman, Michaela Chambers and Bridget Klein set a new season-best time and garnered All-MIAA status.

The Bearcats take this week off to prepare for the NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, N.M.

"I think Emily Churchman really said this best, she said 'The conference meet is more stressful than the national meet because when you get to the national meet you relax a little bit because you got there, and you're in the meet.' The level is very similar to the national meet," Lorek said. "The people that we see at the conference meet are the same ones that we'll see in New Mexico. The national meet actually becomes fun and rewarding."

McKim, Shaw, Churchman and Adams will all be

"I think out of the four, Adams also ran her first I think they can all be All-

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MEN'S STATISTICS Northwest Mo. Southern **Points**

45	Field Goal pct.	46.9
35	Rebounds	38
19	Assists	18
52.6	Three point pct.	58.3
19	Turnovers	14
8	Steals	12
85	Free throw pct.	68.8
3	Blocks	6

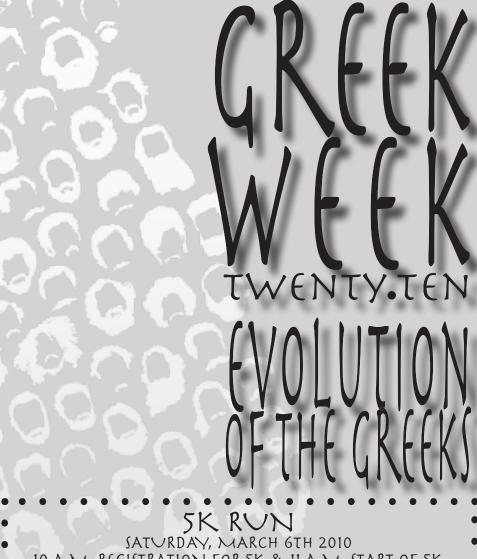
WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	Mo. Southern	
59	Points	53
37	Field Goal pct.	44.9
30	Rebounds	36
13	Assists	12
50	Three point pct.	9.1
18	Turnovers	30
12	Steals	9
78.3	Free throw pct.	57.1
3	Blocks	1

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Central M	o. 18-2	25-2
2. Fort Hays	16-4	22-5
9. Northwest	7-13	12-15

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

	School	MIAA	Overall
	1. Washburn	17-3	22-3
	2. Emporia	16-4	23-4
	3. Central M	o. 13-7	17-10
	5. Northwest	9-11	13-14



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FRESHMAN GUARD MONAI Douglass drives the lane against a Truman State defender. Northwest is the fifth seed in the MIAA Tournament.

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photo by kevin birdsell I missourian photographer FRESHMAN FORWARD CANDACE Boeh puts up a layup against Missouri Western. The Bearcats face Pittsburg State in the first round of the MIAA Tournamnet on Thursday.

Bearcats push right buttons, find way back to tournament

By Brian Bosiljevac **Univ. Sports Editor**

The women's basketball team is headed to Kansas City for the biggest road game most of the Bearcats have encountered.

Northwest will be making its seventh MIAA appearance in the last eight seasons, but only one member of this young 2010 squad has ever been to the MIAA Tournament before.

lot of disappointment last year when we didn't make the tournament with all of our talent," sophomore Abby Henry said. "To make it this year with so many young and new players, I think we only have one player that's ever been to the tournament before, and that's Mo (Melissa Nyquist). This should be a really new and exciting experience for all of us."

That was in 2008, when Nyquist was a freshman. The team entered the tournament as the fifth seed, which is the same seed the 'Cats will enter the tournament at this season.

"I asked my 2008, team whose last game was just awful," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "They were awful. I said what got into you guys that you could turn it around and win the MIAA. They told me they were ashamed of how bad they played and thought this was their last chance to prove they weren't that bad. Who knew, most teams would just stay ashamed. Every team is different, so you just keep pushing buttons. So we just hope we're doing the right things to get us ready for postseason."

The 'Cats will take on the four seed, Pittsburg State, in the first round of the tourna-

Northwest ended the season with a victory against Missouri Southern, but struggled to finish out the season going 2-5 in the month of February.

A lack of energy and stability on the defensive side of the ball led to the 'Cats' struggles, Steinmeyer said.

The team answered the call in their final game of the season holding Southern to only 53 points, snapping a

three-game losing streak. "I hope it gave them confidence that we are doing the right things going towards the postseason," Steinmeyer said. "Postseason is a whole other animal. You're feeding a Chihuahua during the regular season, and you're feeding a wolf during the postseason. It's just different, and every team is different. There's a great mystery in coaching. That mystery is how do you get your team to peak into the postseason. I can promise you there's not a single coach alive that knows for sure. It's something different for every team out there."

The 'Cats need to be playing their best against Pitt State. The postseason match up will be the third time the teams square off this season.

The Gorillas came away with a victory both times. The second meeting between the teams ended in double overtime with 106-102 victory for Pitt.

Steinmeyer isn't buying into the idea that it's tough to beat the same team three times in one season though.

"In truth, I think it's easier to beat a team three times because you've got the confidence from already beating them twice," Steinmeyer said.

"It's no secret what gets us beat every time we play Pitt, and that's their post player. The last three times we've played Pitt, (Nicole) McCombs has just destroyed us. We'll try some new strategy this week to see if we can just control her."

The threat of McCombs will put a lot of the pressure on Northwest's post player and co-captain, junior Gentry

"Offensively I don't think it's that big of a deal," Dietz said. "Defensively I need to step up and hold down McCombs, who I think is one of best post players in the conference. I need to do really well of boxing her out and playing good defense. It's going to be a challenge for me, but I really want to do good in this game."

The All-MIAA Women's Basketball Team was announced Tuesday, and it seems the coaches of the MIAA may disagree with Dietz on who the top post player in the conference is.

Dietz was selected to first team All Conference at the post-position, while McCombs was named Honorable Men-

Dietz's fellow co-captain, Henry, was also recognized to second team All-MIAA at the guard position.

Dietz, Henry and their teammates take the trip to Kansas City to kick off the MIAA Tournament at 2:15 p.m. today in the Municipal Auditorium.

"Right now, the ultimate goal is Pitt State," Steinmeyer said. "That's coach talk, but that's the truth... We're not saying if we beat Pitt, then what happens. It's just Pitt right now, and then we'll deal with what happens next."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

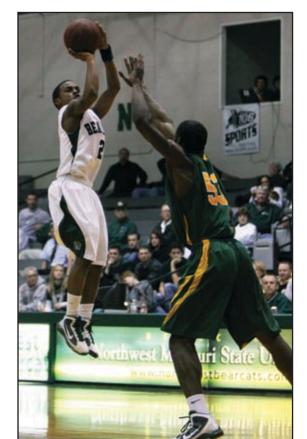


photo by kevin birdsell | missourian photographer FRESHMAN GUARD DESHAUN Cooper shoots a jumper over a Missouri Southern defender on Saturday in Bearcat Arena. Cooper led the team with 21 points in the overtime

'Cats close out season with OT loss, look to next year

By Jason Lawrence Sports Editor

For the second season in a row, Missouri Southern eliminated the Bearcats from post-season play.

Northwest held a sevenpoint lead with under a minute to go, but couldn't hold on. The Lions forced overtime and outscored the 'Cats 14-6 in the extra period to come away with an 89-81 victory.

"It was tough because we had opportunities to win and we just weren't able to close it out," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We weren't able to handle their pressure down the stretch and make decisions under duress. That was kind of the story of the game and the story of our season."

Northwest trailed 30-27 at halftime. Freshman guard Deshaun Cooper led the team with 11 first half points and hit all three of his three-point

In the second half, the

Bearcats fell behind by eight points before they started to make a comeback.

The 'Cats took the lead with 9:44 left to play on a jumper by junior forward Elijah Allen.

Northwest held the lead the rest of regulation, going up by as many as 11 points before three straight turnovers and a 7-0 run by Missouri Southern evened the game up at 75.

"We just had problems trying to get it in to our ball handler's hands," senior point guard Girod Adams said. "I know during that stretch I was trying to get the ball in my hands, but they were denying me pretty good, and I just couldn't get it. We made a couple silly passes that ended up hurting us in the long run.'

Cooper got into the lane with six seconds left, but couldn't convert the floater in traffic to give the Bearcats the win and get them into the MIAA Tournament.

"I don't even know what happened there," Allen said. "We were all asking the same thing. I thought it was a foul when he drove the ball and got hit. I'm standing right there, but it's a tough call. You've got to make it or not, and he didn't."

The Lions hit a deep threepointer to begin overtime and the Bearcats never recovered.

"What happens with a young team, especially, is they get down three points in overtime then start scrambling to get it all back at once," McCollum said. "Instead of let's be patient and try and grind it out for five minutes and see what we can do."

Cooper led Northwest with 21 points before fouling out in overtime. Allen added 18 points and 11 rebounds. Adams chipped in 15 points for the 'Cats.

Northwest ends McCollum's inaugural season at

12-15 and 7-13 in conference. "To be honest, this is probably one of the funnest years I've had in basketball," Adams said. "I love my teammates. All of them are just really cool guys, and I wouldn't trade any of them for the world, even with the loss. I can still take a lot of positives out of the whole year."

Adams and senior Edriss Floyd will be the only two players lost from this years'

McCollum said he's going to recruit four to five more guys before next season, but has a strong foundation of returning players.

"It's an unbelievable foundation," McCollum said. "We have two great freshmen coming back. Elijah Allen, who will probably wind up being first-team All-MIAA and then a lot of supporting cast coming back. We've got a lot of scholarship money to use, so we're going to go out and get some boys and we're going to definitely make the conference tourney next year."